

Success followed Ray Evernham during every step of his journey which culminated in one of the most impressive careers in NASCAR history. In 1992, Crew Chief Ray Evernham and a young Jeff Gordon teamed up and would eventually re-write the record books for nearly a decade.

Upon his retirement, Ray Evernham had amassed 46 total wins, 213 starts and 30 pole positions across NASCAR's three national series. His accomplishments also include victories at two Daytona 500s and two Brickyard 400s, along with leading the Number 24 team to three championships in four seasons. A true competitor and a pillar of motorsports for decades, Mr. Evernham will now take his rightful place among the greats in the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Evernham is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ray Evernham on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY MYERS AND HIS SERVICE TO DAVIE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Myers and congratulate him on his retirement.

Since 1988, Jerry Myers has been a tireless servant of the people and impacted countless individuals throughout his community. He proudly worked for the Davie County Emergency Medical Services and has overseen countless safety initiatives and plans. Jerry has accomplished much in his career from securing grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security, successfully leading fire safety improvement efforts, and training countless individuals to impact their community in a positive way.

When Hurricane Matthew devastated hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians in October 2016, Jerry responded without hesitation. Along with a few other men from Davie county, he traveled to Raleigh to rescue citizens from rising waters. He led one of the first rescue teams in the Raleigh area, rescuing people from trees, homes, and the rising water levels. His actions saved countless lives during Hurricane Matthew and helped local emergency response teams.

Residing in Davie County, he has two children and has shown himself to be a consummate family man. Jerry is a proud member of Bear Creek Baptist Church and remains an active member in the community. I am extremely grateful for Jerry's contributions and service and I wish him continued success. As you can tell, it will be hard to replace Jerry Myers, a gentleman that has always striven to help others first.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Jerry Myers for his service to Davie County and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on Friday, January 11, 2018 as my mother passed away.

We can provide law enforcement officials with the resources and capabilities necessary to defend the nation while simultaneously upholding the hard-fought and hard-won individual rights enshrined in the Constitution. As we now know, the National Security Agency has collected vast swaths of telephone and internet data, using Section 702 as justification, some of which was on Americans for whom there was no suspicion of wrongdoing. Liberty and security do not need to be mutually exclusive. However, S. 139 did not do enough to protect Americans from the watchful eye of government surveillance.

I strongly supported the amendment put forth by Congressman JUSTIN AMASH and Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN that would put more limitations on access to information collected on Americans and stronger safeguards against law enforcement using that information without a warrant. I would have supported this amendment and was disappointed that it did not pass.

Without the addition of the Amash-Lofgren amendment, I would have voted against this bill. There is still space to address these issues so that individual privacy rights will be upheld while our country is protected, but this bill did not protect Americans' privacy adequately.

TRIBUTE TO XAVIER STAUBS

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, rise today to pay tribute to Xavier Staubs, a freshman at Corunna High School, for his heroic actions in saving a rival swimmer from drowning during a swim meet. Xavier showed bravery and courage in helping to save the life of another.

Xavier is a freshman at Corunna High School and on Thursday, January 4, his quick and decisive action saved the life of a competing student. After completing the last leg of the 200-yard medley relay against rival Owosso High School he noticed panicked spectators pointing to Kamrin Samson, a junior at Owosso High School, who was sinking to the bottom of the pool. Xavier jumped back into the pool, swam down, and brought Kamrin back to the surface to receive the medical attention he needed. Once Kamrin was out of the water, medical personnel and coaching staff from both high schools performed the necessary treatment to resuscitate him.

For such a young individual, Xavier did not waver in a crucial moment. He was fearless and courageous at a time of life or death for

a fellow swimmer. To Xavier, all that mattered was doing the right thing. Actions such as these should serve as a guideline for how we should live our own lives: selflessness in service to others. Xavier's heroic actions on January 4 will be remembered by those in attendance for years to come, and they are a defining moment in his young life.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Xavier Staubs for his heroic and selfless actions.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MARY AUDREY GALLAGHER

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 19, 2018

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and service of Mary Audrey Gallagher. An educator, advocate, and proud mother, Audrey passed away peacefully on January 4, 2018, after enjoying time with her loved ones during the holidays. Audrey's life truly embodied the spirit of a hard-working, loving Irish American, as she nurtured strong bonds in her communities while fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised. Born on September 6, 1932, Audrey's honesty and integrity were formally recognized when she graduated from The Mary Louis Academy in Queens, New York, with the Character, Loyalty, and Spirit of Study Award, one of the academy's highest honors.

Upon graduating high school, Audrey attended and graduated from St. John's University, where she was captain of the school's Cheerleading Squad. After leaving a lasting mark on her campus community as a promising prospective instructor, she became a public school teacher. Some years later, Audrey married Warren Dromm. Her son, my dear friend and now-New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm, was born soon after. She was also mother to Lori, Marybeth, John, and Joseph. Her exemplary record of service continued, and after opening a nursery school, Audrey went on to become the director of multiple day care centers in New York City. She was instrumental in unionizing workers and she helped secure much-needed pay raises for paraprofessionals. Her courage and dedication changed lives. Audrey's support of her son, an openly-gay man, greatly advanced the rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community through his advocacy and by founding the Queens chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), of which Audrey was an active participant.

Audrey, along with Daniel and PFLAG-founder Jeanne Manfred, worked to use their voices to fight the good fight against bigotry and intolerance in Queens and throughout New York City. But her support did not stop there—Audrey became a venerable presence in the Queens LGBT community, attending parades, advising the parents of LGBT youth, and wholeheartedly supporting her son in his own endeavors to improve Queens. Having served as PFLAG's Queens Hospitality Chairperson, Audrey believed in the special role that parents of LGBT children play. It is evident that her love for her son helped make